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Events of Interest From Washington

By J. E. Jones

NO JOB FOR A SICK MAN

The constitution of the United States prescribes many lofty duties for the President of this great country. And the President, who is red-blooded and naturally a leader of men, is never without plenty to do to occupy his time. But "presidenting" is no job for a sick man, and doubtless most of the misfortunes that are coming upon President Wilson are due to the fact that he has been shut out from contact with friends and advisers. Washington credits the story that the intimate friendship between the President and Colonel House, no longer exists. In the Mexican disturbance Secretary of State Lansing had to frame his own policy since he was unable to see the President; and the result has been nil. Secretary of the Interior Lane will resign doubtless because he finds himself out of sympathy with Administration affairs. Mr. Lane is regarded as the strongest man in the Cabinet, and it is deemed very unfortunate that he should leave his post—and maybe he wouldn't if he had not been out of touch with the President for so long a time. Doctor Garfield used rare good judgment in handling the coal strike, and when he got through President Wilson handed him a lemon in place of the Croix de Guerre. Doctor Garfield said he would have been sustained by the President if he had been able to see and talk with him—and then, too, resigned. Even the Democratic Senators have been expressing their unrest; and as well men they take the position, hard as it is, that they have been licked—and now they want the best compromise that can be affected, to close the peace treaty. Over a year ago the war actually stopped, but officially it is in full swing. The Democratic Senators know that the basic structure of the peace treaty, and the League of Nations, can be saved, and they are ready to go to it. But the President says no. And the President has been almost as inaccessible as the spot described in astronomy as a "point in the northern sky around which the heavens seem to revolve." For particulars consult Peary and Cook.

It is perhaps just as natural for a President as anyone else—to be sick, but it is a lot more inconvenient. Some President's might have turned the job over for the time being to an astute, wise and able Vice President, such as Mr. Marshall. But the present President never lets loose on his presidency, wherever he may be—at home, abroad, or cloistered in his sick room.

There has been a lot of lying about the President and his condition. But most of this was doubtless born of those kin gossipers, Mystery and Concern.

The actual condition of the President was undoubtedly truthfully told in the statements by the attending physicians. Everybody will be delighted to know that Mr. Wilson appears to be recovering steadily, and in all probability he will be at his desk again in one, two or three weeks, or a month. No doubt when he gets so that he can look again at the whites of men's eyes then his own, wants the Republican nomination for President. Senator Harding of Ohio and Senator Poinsett of Washington are willing to be standard bearers, and there are some eighty or ninety other Senators who are wondering whether Jupiter will completely miss their lightning rods. Senators Cummins and LaFollette have evidently passed from the proud places of "favorites," and in Iowa the talk of the presidential succession is about Senator Kenyon, while Wisconsin lifts a timid voice for Senator Lovett. And then there is the poll of Governors, with Mr. Lowden of Illinois, conspicuously in the lead, and Governor Coolidge being featured, from Massachusetts.

But since, we are assured, he is soon to "become himself again" the capital will welcome him to his return of actual leadership by the first hand method instead of through the handicap under which he has suffered in so many ways.

RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT

Herbert Hoover and some of his scientific friends have bought one of the Washington daily newspapers, and the editor asks why? An inquisitive reporter asked Mr. Hoover if he would be a candidate for the Presidency, and that the Survey has become "a recruit" to the party. Never before, however, there is a suspicion that the former Food Administrator has a bee in his bonnet. There are alarms of a wage of \$2,271. The average annual salary of these men in private employment has been \$6,121, which has been raised to an average of \$7,904. Eight of the men have left the Government, and the Survey has become "a recruit" to the party.

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THE RETREATING FORESTS

The annual report of the Commission of Forestry calls attention to a condition which should be alarming, but which blase Americans will pass by with hardly a thought concerning its tremendous significance. The forests of the country, we are officially advised, are being depleted twice, "probably three times what is actually being produced by growth in a forest serviceable for products other than firewood." In the South the mills have not over ten or fifteen years supply of virgin timber, and the supplies of all the great eastern exponents of production are approaching

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL AT THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

On Wednesday evening there were two superb trees, beautifully decorated by members of the Boys 20th Century Club, standing in the parlor of Garland Chapel.

At six o'clock an eager procession of one hundred and fifty of all ages led by the Boys Club found its way into the dining room where tables filled with the delicious fare Bethel home-makers are famous for producing—stood in tempting array. A merry hour followed, and at seven the satisfied throng were in the audience room awaiting the program, which, given by the youngest members of the Sunday School, was received with keen appreciation.

Then came the thrilling moment, when Santa was expected!

The managers of the Festival were thunderstruck when they heard of a threatened strike among heretofore dependable Santa Clauses attached to their church.

It was rumored that the disaster arose from something alarmingly like envy.

It was discovered last Christmas that the Honorable Santa Claus, whose appearance at the Community Tree set an unapproachable future standard, wore a beard that was not tied on. Hence these tears! But as usual, in the Congregational church, women met the situation, and in place of her disgruntled spouse Mrs. Santa, his young second wife, appeared, clad in red and crimson, and in clever rhythm gave wisely excuses for Santa's absence, saying he was outside waiting for her, as the reindeer were too restive to be left—though we all knew he had flatly refused to shoulder his pack!

With great tact and sweetness Mrs. Santa remembered family names to a wonderful degree, even to the recently-fused names of our bridal couples, and finally, with a timely, little moral, gave her place to the 20th Century Club, who in a wonderfully deft way dismantled the tree, aided by a clever group of girl-pagans. You all know what happened then—every chapel in the village had the same gay experience—and then all those tired little beings were soon tucked up in bed—with visions of wonderful things mingled with their dreams.

How real it all was to them! One little boy came up to Mrs. Santa and anxiously informed her that Santa and the reindeer hadn't waited—he had been out to see.

Wherever upon this earth children are not welcome—it certainly is not in Bethel! God bless them, every one!

Blessings they are to every faithful worker who served the Master through them on Christmas Eve.

His first," and because he was for the Colonel, and poppy about the twenty, and for various other reasons of his own, wants the Republican nomination for President. Senator Harding of Ohio and Senator Poinsett of Washington are willing to be standard bearers, and there are some eighty or ninety other Senators who are wondering whether Jupiter will completely miss their lightning rods. Senators Cummins and LaFollette have evidently passed from the proud places of "favorites," and in Iowa the talk of the presidential succession is about Senator Kenyon, while Wisconsin lifts a timid voice for Senator Lovett. And then there is the poll of Governors, with Mr. Lowden of Illinois, conspicuously in the lead, and Governor Coolidge being featured, from Massachusetts.

Of such as these Shakespeare wrote, before any of them were born: "Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them."

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Officers in the army have resigned by the score.

Mr. Clark has an "old fashioned" seat warm for eight years, and he feels that it is time he occupied the fair averages, but it loses sight of the fact that it is time he occupied the individual worth of men. And yet, there are great groups of political resources.

General Leonard Wood—he individual worth of men. And yet, there

never opened his mouth without

putting his feet in it" has his hat in

the ring, and wants to be nominated for all forms of industry, untried or such

time he was "Roosevelt's friend."

Lessons as are found daily in instances like that of the Geological Survey,

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

The 20th Century Club will give a social in Garland Chapel Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. All the parish are invited.

Sunday: Morning worship at 10:45. Sermon by the pastor. Communion service after the sermon. Sunday School at 12:15.

Christian Endeavor services in the evening at 7 o'clock, Mrs. Curtis leader. Topic, Faith in God.

The Ladies' Club will meet with Mrs. Whitney, Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mid-week service, beginning with the New Year at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Topic, The Church Awakened by the New Call for Cooperation.

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

Hour of service 10:45 A. M.

Sunday School at 12.

Evening service of the Young People's Christian Union at 7 o'clock. Subject, "The New Spirit in the Universalist Church, and the Y. P. C. U. The purpose and aims of each. How can we help each? Why should we help?

The Welfare of One, the Welfare of the Other. The Unity of the Church." Scripture reference, Romans 12, 21.

The Young Men's Universalist Association at their last meeting, after re-electing officers, Vivian Hutchins, President; Chester Howe, Vice President; J. H. Little, Secretary and Treasurer; voted to appropriate \$10 to the piano fund, \$10 to the Y. P. C. U., and the balance of their fund \$11, and any other surplus to the Universalist Sunday School. The work which this organization was designed to accomplish, having been finished, it was voted that the Association be dissolved and was so declared.

METHODIST CHURCH

The church and Sunday School enjoyed a happy Christmas last week with the usual festivities of supper and Christmas tree. There was no visible Santa Claus, but every indication that he had visited us in a generous and liberal mood.

The Foreign Missionary Society will meet at the home of Mrs. Fred Wood, Thursday evening, Jan. 1st. This is the regular December meeting postponed to this time because of other festivities.

Every woman of the parish is cordially invited to attend and enjoy the program.

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The employees of Bethel Inn had a most enjoyable evening at the home of Mr. Ralph Moore, Tuesday, the occasion being a surprise to Miss Margaret Davies, who is leaving the Inn, Jan. 1st to go to California for four or five months.

Miss Davies has been in the employ of the Inn for several years and is very popular with employees, who will miss her exceedingly. All join in hearty thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Moore for their kind hospitality.

BETHEL INN

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Beverage returned to Portland, Friday morning.

Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Curtis were dinner guests at the Inn, Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick G. Fisher of Boston are enjoying a winter outing at Bethel Inn.

Dr. and Mrs. I. H. Wight and Miss Vivian Wight were guests of Mrs. L. H. Gilley for dinner, Sunday.

Mr. Clarence G. Croll, who has been at the Inn for some weeks, returned to his home in Boston, Wednesday morning.

Mr. Guy W. Davis registered at the Inn, Christmas morning and remained till Sunday afternoon, when he returned to Portland.

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NORWAY

With unusual and fine travelling Christmas trade was never so heavy as this year. The storekeepers have been kept on the bustle, and in some departments were cleaned out early in the week.

The schools at Swift's Corner and Noble's Corner closed Friday and the schools met at the Swift Corner schoolhouse for the Christmas festivities. There was a tree for the children, and a happy afternoon was passed. Mrs. Santa Claus appeared on the scene coming to visit Mr. Santa.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene L. Hutchins were in Westbrook for Christmas the guests of relatives making the trip in their auto. Mr. Hutchins has improved much since his return from the hospital in Boston.

Prof. George A. Yeaton was at his home in Augusta over Christmas.

Joseph Therian went to his home in Kennebunk for the holiday, and Joe Foster went to Springvale for the day.

Mrs. Marion Isakell of Auburn was at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Isakell, over Christmas.

Dr. Hubert Parker of Belfast was at home for the holiday vacation, a guest of his mother, Mrs. Gertrude Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. John Laforie arrived in town Wednesday evening. Mr. Laforie is to be the foreman at the Carroll-Jefferson stitching room at South Paris. He is a former foreman of the Norway stitching room.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wilkins of Berwick are guests of Mrs. Wilkins' sister and brother, Miss Anna and Mr. James Stone.

The death of Mrs. Clio Elizabeth Rawlin occurred Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Bertrand O. Melatine, Crescent street. Mrs. Rawlin had been ill since Thanksgiving Day with heart trouble.

She was born in Waterford, July 17, 1841, the daughter of John and Clio Blakes Bampson. She is survived by two daughters, Edith, wife of Leslie K. Melatine of East Waterford, and Alice, wife of H. Bertrand G. Melatine of Norway, four grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Mrs. Louise Bradbury Young and William B. Andrews were quietly married Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of the officiating clergyman, Rev. M. O. Baltzer, pastor of the Congregational Church. The single ring service was used. The bride wore her

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Traveling suit with hat in harmony. Mr. and Mrs. Andrews left Friday morning for Keene, N. H., where Mr. Andrews is employed. Mrs. Andrews is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Bradbury of Norway Lake. She has always lived in Norway, and has been employed for some time at the Carroll-Jefferson shoe factory. Mr. Andrews came to Norway from Paris several years ago and has been employed at the shoe factory the most of the time, working at Auburn at intervals. He went to Keene, N. H., a few weeks ago.

The members of Oxford County Association of Knights Templar and all Fratres within the jurisdiction of the association met at Masonic hall, Thursday, for the usual 12 o'clock Christmas observance. Officers were elected for the year as follows: Eminent Commander, Percy M. Walker; generalissimo, Ernest J. Record; captain general, Edward C. Winslow; prelate, Rev. J. H. Little; treasurer, Frank Kimball; recorder, Lee M. Smith; sentinel, Winslow B. Cordwell. The meeting opened at 11 o'clock in full Templar form with full uniforms.

George E. Walker passed away Friday morning at 5 o'clock at his home on Maple street, following a period of nearly two years of failing health. He was a native of Paris, born February 1, 1886. His parents were Bolon G. and Vesta Chandler Walker.

Jake Klein is home from Colby College for two weeks and is a guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Klein.

David Klein, who is attending Bryant & Stratton Business College, Boston, is at home for the Christmas vacation.

Russell Bethell, a student at Tufts Dental College, is a guest of his mother,

Mrs. James Wight, during the holidays.

Mr. Bethell finishes the regular course in February but plans to remain until June in a surgical course and will graduate at that time.

Mrs. Horace Pike of Auburn, formerly of Norway, is spending several weeks in town.

B. C. Blecknell of Brockton, Mass., is visiting his mother, Mrs. E. J. Blecknell, and sister, Mrs. W. A. Blecknell, and Mrs. Charles L. Knight.

Mr. and Mrs. Halliburton Crandall of Marland are spending the holiday vacation in Norway and South Paris, the guests of Mrs. Morton's grandfather, Mrs. Clara Hayden, and sister, Mrs. Clarence Morton. Mr. Crandall is a former sub-master at the Norway High school.

Mrs. Lucilla Spofford of Massachusetts is spending the Christmas vacation

with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Birnie Field, and her son, David Spofford, on Alpine street.

William Gallagher is in Portland over the holidays.

Miss Melissa Twitchell, teacher at Swift's Corner and Miss Marjorie Lebroke teacher at Noble's Corner, are spending their two weeks' vacation at their home in Oxford.

Francis Swett is at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene N. Swett, for the holidays.

Mrs. Lucilla Morrill, Norway Center, is spending several weeks with relatives in Portland.

Elmer Hussey of the High school at Wickford, R. I., is at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hussey, North Norway, for the holidays.

Professor and Mrs. Hal R. Eaton and son, Sargent, of Bangor are spending the holiday vacation with Mrs. Eaton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Sargent, Oak avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Blake spent Christmas in Portland, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman B. Chipman.

Miss Edith Rideout, teacher at Englishtown High school, Augustia, is at home for the holiday vacation.

Letters have been received from the Misses Prince and Mrs. Elizabeth F. Swett, that they had arrived safely in California, and all stood the journey nicely.

Mrs. Emma Blecknell has gone to Massachusetts, where she will spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Marcus Carroll, and family, at Hanover.

Rev. Mr. Carroll, who recently underwent serious surgery, is making a good recovery.

GILEAD

Mrs. Florence Bryant was in South Paris last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sheridan of Casco, N. H., spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Dolan.

There was a social dance at the Town Hall last Saturday evening and music was furnished by Moore's orchestra of Norway.

Misses Vera and Janet Fraser of Colby College, P. O., are spending their vacation with their father, Angus Fraser.

There was a Christmas tree and entertainment at the Congregational church last Wednesday evening.

John Arsenault and Jeffery Losier spent Christmas in Berlin, N. H.

Mrs. Mabel Bynonds of Norway spent Christmas with relatives in town.

M. A. Heath was in town, recently.

D. D. Sullivan has finished work on the G. T. R. section.

Mrs. Etta Stevens was in Berlin, N. H., last Monday.

The village school closed last Friday for the winter vacation.

Joseph Lemire spent Christmas with relatives in New Bedford, Mass.

John Woods was in Berlin, N. H., a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Curtis were in Bethel last Monday.

WE CAN PRINT MOST ANYTHING
AT THIS OFFICE. CONSULT US
BEFORE YOU SEND YOUR
WORK OUT OF TOWN

Plant Lice Carry Potato Disease
How Potato Mosaic Is Spread Has Been Discovered

PLANT LICE CARRY POTATO DISEASE

In a previous number of this series of letters it was stated that the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station in cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture is making a special study of the mosaic disease of the potato. The appearance of the disease was described in detail and it was shown that even in the ideal potato growing climate of Maine it causes a reduction in yield. Special emphasis was given to the fact that mosaic causes even greater losses in those sections further south where Maine potatoes are used for seed. Even though the disease is also prevalent in other northern potato growing sections the southern growers are searching for mosaic free seed and are anxious to get it.

Plant mosaic is a difficult disease to study, for in spite of careful work on the part of a number of plant pathologists, both in this country and in Europe, its cause and the method of spread have long remained a mystery. In fact, it was a problem similar to that of influenza and certain other diseases of man. Until these facts are known it is difficult, and often impossible, to recommend means of control. The pathologists, while not neglecting those phases of the work that might have an immediate practical bearing, have concentrated upon the fundamental question of what causes potato mosaic and how it is carried from plant to plant. They feel that they have solved the last named question.

It has been demonstrated quite conclusively that the small greenish insects called plant lice are guilty of carrying potato mosaic from one plant to another, somewhat as mosquitoes carry yellow fever of man or as lice on human beings carry trench fever.

The practical man is interested only in this simple statement of fact, but it may be of general interest to trace some of the steps by which the discovery was made.

Observations in the field all seemed to indicate that potato mosaic is a com-

mon disease and not due to a general "breaking down" of a given strain of potatoes as has been supposed by some.

In spite of careful studies by a considerable number of workers no bacteria or fungi could be demonstrated as associated with the disease as the causal agent. However, there may be said of a number of diseases of man and other animals, as well as of certain other diseases of plants, all of which are readily communicable. What is more important, a similar appearing mosaic disease of tobacco can be transferred by contact of a diseased leaf with a healthy one or by simply touching a diseased leaf with the hand and then touching a leaf of a healthy plant with the same hand. Potato mosaic did not prove to be so highly contagious. Even growing a plant from a healthy tuber in the same pot with a diseased plant, allowing the roots and leaves to be in constant contact, but excluding plant lice and other insects, did not cause the originally healthy plant to contract the

disease. Placing pieces of diseased plants on the leaves of healthy ones once gave similar negative results.

A number of experiments along the lines just cited seemed to disprove the theory that potato mosaic is a com-

minable disease, but when a shoot

from a diseased potato was grafted on

to a shoot of a healthy one this latter

plant contracted the disease and the

tubers which it produced gave rise to

to diseased progeny. Thus it was shown

that some active principle had been

transferred to the healthy plant along

with the graft. The most natural sup-

position was that this active principle

was carried in the juice or sap of the

diseased plant. Again attempts were

made to cause the disease in healthy

potatoes by applying juice of the diseased

plants to the leaves. This time the

leaves of the healthy plants were

blurred and the juice of the diseased

plants worked into the blured tissue.

Then the experiment was successful and

mosaic developed in the inoculated

plants.

When it was definitely established

that plant juice carried the active

principle, the question was

whether this active agent in

transferring the disease was an insect

or a microorganism.

These are prerequisite for

the making of a large, bony framework

This idea is to prime the hogs into good

condition so that they may be turned

out on grass the next spring with a well

developed framework on which they can

store a surplus of fat. These animals

can then be carried through the summer

on good pasture with the addition of a

little grain, thereby making some gain

in weight and considerable gain in size

and in splendid condition the following

fall. This system involves main-

taining the hogs on the farm in some

instances until the animals are 15 to 16

months of age, but often the porkers

can be fed more cheaply where this

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are pushed rapidly to market maturity

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THE HOME CIRCLE

Pleasant Reveries—A Column Dedicated to Tired Mothers as they join the Home Circle at Evening Tide

A NEW YEAR'S GREETING

C. A. O.

A whole year of fifty-two weeks of privilege, more than three hundred unwritten pages of human history—all this and more await the consecrated zeal of the man and the woman who have dared to hope and pray for the coming of the kingdom of righteousness on the earth. He who has kept in touch with the movements of the day, who has become aware of the currents in human life, who has heard the calls pass from man to man, from church to church, from denomination to denomination, who has listened both to the cry of human need and to the beating of the great heart of the common Father—he who has had his eyes open and his face toward the light in the year now gone, does not need to be reminded that this new year is indeed the threshold of opportunity.

Not since the "angel song broke over a sheep pasture" has any one year of human history recorded so much that makes for the community of religion, the identification of human interests, the cooperation and the federation of religious enterprises, the practical combination of competing forces as this year has done. There is neither opportunity nor necessity for a catalogue of these various events, but perhaps the statement will at least raise the question in some minds as to what and how much has been done along the lines suggested and which never was done in such measure and form before. A careful compilation of the movements toward religious fellowship and brotherliness would be worth while.

But there are obvious reasons for feeling that whatever has been done is only the more beginning of a great and growing work. We have but landed on the shores of truth. We are only come to the threshold of the house of our habitation, the home wherein brethren shall dwell together in unity.

Few things in the whole horizon, as this New Year dawns, are quite so sad to contemplate, are quite so fatal to our optimism, as the unbrotherliness of brothers, the unchristian spirit of Christians, the unchristian exclusiveness of religious teachers, the selfcomplacency of the priest and the levite on our Jericho roads. And surely nothing is so inspiring to our faith and fortifying to our optimism as the exhibitions of love and trust, of brotherliness and Christ-likeness, which appear with increasing frequency in all quarters of Christendom. If even a few of us do our duty, the spirit of Jesus, the practical helpfulness and fellowship of brotherliness in religion and life will be immeasurably advanced as we enter into the New Year.

WHEN THE LITTLE NEW YEAR CAME IN

Mary Small Wagner
I am the little New Year, old!
Here I come, tripping it over the snow,
Shaking my bells with a merry din,
So open your doors and let me in!
Blessing I bring to one and all,
Big folks and little folks, short and tall;

Each one from me some treasure may win,

Kindergarten Song

They were all going to Grandfather's on New Year's Eve—to let the Old year out and the New year in, all except Tommy Tucker and his sister Jane, who had toothache.

Tommy Smith was his name, but they called him "Tommy Tucker" for short. Poor Jane had cried herself to sleep, but Tommy Tucker lay thinking, "I must let the little New Year in," he said to himself and then he dropped asleep. It was just five minutes of twelve, by the little French clock on the mantel when he awoke. There was a light in the room, so Tommy could see. He put on his little pink wrapper and slippers and hurried down stairs. Then the big clock struck 12, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12. As Tommy threw open the front door, saying "Good by Old Year! Happy New Year!" he could see an old man hurry out, as the snow blew in and somebody came in with the snow. "Close the door, Tommy, it is cold," said a voice.

Tommy turned in the direction of a voice and there was a little boy in the big rocker by the fire. He had cards and little bells were sewed on his gown.



which had a great many tucks. It must be the little New Year thought Tommy.

The little boy was looking earnestly into a large calendar. "This is your calendar, Tommy, for last year. Old year left it here," Tommy noticed that a great many of the numbers were bright gold, but some looked very dull. "What does that mean?" he asked.

"The bright numbers stand for your good days, the dull ones for your bad days," answered the little New Year, sadly.

"Why, what did I do on July the 4th?" said Tom.

"You tied a firecracker to Toby's tail," sighed the little New Year.

"And on March 5?"

"You disobeyed your mother."

"On Jan. 16?"

"You told a wrong story."

Tommy hung his head. "Can't you brighten up those dull numbers, Little New Year?"

"I'm afraid not, Tommy, but I hope my year will have more bright numbers."

"I'll try," said Tommy.

Then he never knew exactly how it happened, but suddenly he felt the Little New Year carrying him up the stairs, and they went like a puff of this tide, until Tommy found himself in bed, with the little boy laughing at the foot.

"Why do you have so many tucks in your gown, Little New Year?" asked Tommy.

"I grow so fast that I let one down every day; there are 365 of them!"

And he laughed and shook his bells.

"Shaking my bells with a merry din," said Tommy, remembering his kindergarten song.

"What did you say?" asked Little New Year.

Then Tommy sang all the kindergarten song, and told him of the play that went with it.

"Isn't that nice?" cried the Little New Year. "I will be with you through the year," he went on, "though you will not see me. I will bring snow in

RICHARDSON HOLLOW

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Richardson attended State Grange at Bangor.

Walter F. Noyes has returned from a trip to Lynn, Mass.

E. D. Packard was a Sunday guest at R. E. Chapman's.

Miss Lois Hollis spent Christmas week at her home at North Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Littlehale of North Paris were guests of their daughter, Mrs. R. E. Chapman, several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Richardson spent Christmas Day at Clarence Richardson's, Paris.

Charles Briggs of West Paris was at W. E. Penley's farm after a load of hay, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Chapman were in Norway one day, recently.

Nearly everyone is harvesting their ice crop.

Mrs. Sabrina Jackson, who has been visiting at G. W. Richardson's, went to West Paris, Christmas Day, to visit Mrs. Clarence Ridlon.

"The Farmer's Worst Enemy—Rats—The Farmer's Best Friend—Rat-Snap."

These are the words of James Baxter, N. J.: "Ever since I tried RAT-SNAP, I have always kept it in the house. Never fails. Used about \$3.00 worth of RAT-SNAP a year and figure it saves me \$300 in chicks, eggs and feed. RAT-SNAP is convenient, just break up cake, no mixing with other food." Three sizes, 25¢, 50¢, \$1.00. Sold and guaranteed by G. L. Thiburon Company, Bethel; W. E. Beaman, Bethel; C. E. Stowell & Son, Lock's Mills; Mark C. Allen, Bryant's Pond, adv.

winter, and flowers in summer, until I am an old year, when I, too, must go to make room for the New Little Year so Grandfather made room for me."

"I see," said Tommy.

"And now, Good-by, Tommy, don't forget your calendar," and the Little New Year laughed and ran down stairs, his bells growing fainter and fainter until the sounds died away. Then Tommy went to sleep.

CANTON

Canton's first community Christmas tree Thursday evening at the Opera House was a grand success, and a large crowd was present to enjoy the festivities. The hall was beautiful in its Christmas decorations of evergreens and red poinsettias, with silver stars interspersed. The huge tree in the center of the hall was ablaze with colored electric lights. The program consisted of chorus singing, "Merry Christmas," by Mrs. A. P. York's Sunday School class; prayer, Rev. F. M. Lamb; instrumental music, Lyman and Angel Ellis; recitation, Alice Walker; song, Elva Hall; recitation, Ida Barker; music, Willard Durgin; vocal duet, Hazel and Earl Hines; song, Mrs. N. Tyler's Sunday School class; recitation, Herschel York. Stereopticon views were shown by Rev. F. M. Lamb, the last being a hymn which was beautifully sung by Mrs. Joseph Durgin and Mrs. F. M. Lamb. Miss Marguerite Hollis was pianist for the evening. After the program Santa Claus appeared for a short stay and wished the children all a Merry Christmas. Then came the presentation of gifts, each child receiving a nice gift, a bag of peanuts, one of candy and an orange. The several committees who worked untiringly for the success of the undertaking were well repaid for their efforts when witnessing the crowd of children with smiling faces and happy hearts.

Cyrus Heald has gone to Rangeley to live with his son, W. J. Heald.

Rev. Eleanor A. Swett of Salem, Mass., spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Swett and Mr. and Mrs. George Bennett, returning home Sunday.

Marshall Quinn and family, who were born and burned out, have moved to the Delano house. They expect to soon move to Jay.

A. V. Brown of Hartford has secured five foxes this season for which he received \$121. W. J. Gammon has also shot several for which he received a good price. Mr. Gammon has recently had the misfortune to lose his valuable fox hound, and can find no trace of him. Mrs. Sarah B. Tasker will go to Exeter, N. H., Saturday, to spend the remainder of the winter.

Ponemah Robekah Lodge elected the following officers Friday evening: N. G., Mrs. Ina Garey; V. G., Mrs. Carol Harding; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Fannie B. Lucas; Treas., Mrs. Velda Bicknell; Fin. Sec., Mrs. Aimee Chamberlain. The installation will be held the first meeting in January when a supper will be served.

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NEWRY

The school here closed last Wednesday afternoon with a Christmas tree loaded with good things which every child loves. Miss Bailey is a well known teacher and has always had success wherever she has taught. Both children and parents were sorry when the year's school was done and it is hoped she may conclude to teach the school another year.

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SHOE PRICES

I want to take a little time and some space in this paper, that I may discuss with the readers of this article or advertisement, the shoe situation as it now stands. We will admit that prices are high, much higher than they ought to be but we do not admit that they are out of proportion to the other necessities of life. I have recently paid \$6.00 for a barrel of apples and I am perfectly satisfied with the price and surely believe that they could not be sold for less at a profit. I pay 65 cents per pound for butter, 12 cents a bottle for milk and so on down the list, and the producers are not getting any more than they ought to have for their work. We have at the present time a store full of footwear of all kinds which we bought and are selling below the market price to-day. Our retail price on more than half our stock, is less than we can buy at wholesale. It has always been the purpose and policy of this store to give our customers full value for their money, and this policy has surely been the means of bringing to us a good business which has increased year after year. Our customers have been loyal to us and we surely appreciate it. Now as the holidays are approaching we will suggest that you buy useful gifts and we are sure that footwear of all kinds is always useful and acceptable. We are also positive that we can suit you in Style, Quality and Price.

We are fitting up and expect to have in operation in a few weeks, a modern Boot and Shoe Repair Department. We shall have all new and up-to-date machinery and intend to have as good a repair shop as can be found anywhere.

George Davee will be in charge and that fact is a guarantee that the work will be done right. We shall use the best of stock and our prices will be as low as good work can be done. We shall make a great effort to get the work out promptly. You will be informed when this Department is ready for business. Save your repairing for us.

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Corded Bolivia Coats

Now \$49.50, were \$62.50 and \$65.00

Several styles in brown, blue and tanpe, beautiful figured silk lining.

Wooltex Coats

Now \$29.75, were \$42.50

Fine all wool material, have large collars.

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Now \$24.75, were \$37.50

All wool material, thick and warm, very light in weight.

Warm Winter Coats

New \$22.45, were \$27.45 to \$34.75

Several styles in many colors, belted and loose back, some have plush collars, a few with fur collars.

Silk Plush Coatees

Now \$17.75, were \$24.75

A beautiful and very stylish garment.

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Now \$29.45, were \$39.75

ONE PLUSH COATEE with a large fur collar for \$22.45, that was \$29.75.

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NORWAY, MAINE

SOUTH ALBANY

Irene Kimball worked cutting ice on Peapose Pond for Will Fiske one day last week.

Ernest Gitter carried the Misses Boston and Ruth Lewis and Mrs. Howard Wardwell to Norway last Saturday, shopping.

Heidi McLean called on Mrs. J. A. Kimball Friday.

Verna Kimball attended the Chase was sick at the Deere's residence.

Arthur Engen Wardwell has been ill with a bad cold.

Ruth Lewis returned to Gould Academy Monday, for the winter term.

Grace Smith, who was operated on for appendicitis at her home here, is gaining rapidly.

Billy Marion from Waterford has been visiting friends in this vicinity.

Carol Kimball has finished work for Fred Brainer.

Irene Kimball helped Fred Brainer butcher a hog, Monday.

George Kimball from Bridgton was through this place one day last week looking for work.

Everybody quotes a cheerful note, but it's the cheerful notes that gets the crowd.

THE NOVELTY SHOP

CHURCH STREET, BETHEL, MAINE

We shall be closed on Thursday, New Year's Day, as well as Wednesday of this week, to permit inventory and stock taking. On Friday and Saturday we shall offer special bargains in holiday odds and ends, including sweet grass baskets, pictures, calendars, ladies' collars, etc.

We shall soon be equipped to serve hot tea and bouillon every afternoon. Watch for definite announcement later.

The New Bradley Game—SPOOF

One of the most delightfully amusing games ever invented, for young or old. We have it.

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GROVER HILL

Mrs. Isabel Mayhew has been quite

Mrs. Guendolen Stevens of Barn is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Stevens.

Mrs. Fred Philbrick and Alberto, Ruthie and Adelmar Stevens were at D. H. Mayhew's, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Andrews of Bethel College were the guests of relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. Harry Lyon and daughter, Elmira, are spending several weeks in Auburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Elviro Whitman entered a few new friends Christmas after

noon to observe the holidays for their son, Evelyn, Winfield and Arthur

U. S. Government Warns Farmers About Disease Caused by Rats.

They carry Holstein plague, fatal to human beings. They carry foot and mouth disease, which is fatal to stock.

They kill chickens, eat grain, cause deterioration to property.

If you raise rats, you're sure to get rats.

They eat grain, cause deterioration to property.

They eat grain,

RUMFORD

GOOD NEWS

Many Bethel Readers Have Heard It and Praised Thereby

"Good news travels fast," and the many bad back sufferers in Bethel are glad to learn where relief may be found. Many a lame, weak and aching back is bad no more, thanks to Dr. John's Kidney Pills. Our citizens are telling the good news of their experience with this tested remedy. Here is an example worth reading:

B. F. Brown, High St., Bethel, says: "I was troubled by a dull, heavy ache across my back. It annoyed me nearly all the time and I couldn't stoop or do anything without bringing on pain. When I got up quickly, I got dizzy and little spots floated before my eyes. Dr. John's Kidney Pills were recommended and I got some at Basserman's Drug Store. I soon had relief and my back became stronger. I used about five boxes of Dr. John's Kidney Pills and today I am free from all symptoms of kidney complaint."

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't ask for a kidney remedy—get Dr. John's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Brown had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mrs. Buffalo, N. Y.

children, Elizabeth and Margaret, returned on Monday from Boston, where they spent Christmas with Mrs. Eston's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Newell Conn, of Newton.

Mr. Arthur Cushman of Boston, formerly of Rumford, has been spending a few days this week in town, the guest of relatives. Mr. Cushman is a brother of Mrs. John Welch of Franklin street, and is a teacher of music and an organist in Boston musical circles.

Stratfield Commandery, No. 21, Knights Templar, celebrated the Christmas day in the usual Knightly manner, and at high noon a goodly attendance of Sir Knights assembled around the Grand Cross in Masonic Hall to participate in the Christmas toasts, and pay reverence to the Prince of Peace.

The first toast to the Most Eminent Sir Joseph Kyle Orr, Grand Master. The Grand Master's response to the Sir Knights was also read. Then followed the toast to the Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Maine with the response by Em. Sir Elihu Pratt; to the Most Thrice Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Maine, response by Em. Sir James B. Stevenson; to the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine, response by Em. Sir Frederick O. Eaton; to the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine, response by Sir Knight John E. Stephens; to all Knights Templar wherever dispersed far and wide, response by Em. Sir Elihu Pratt; to the Most Thrice Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Chapter of Boston, response by Em. Sir Markley and their son, Henry, Jr., and their two children, Lewis Jacob and Gertrude Caroline. A Christmas tree with gifts for all was one of the pleasant features of the afternoon.

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A Cheer for Christmas

Exercise by seven girls

What Makes Children Happy?

Song by same group

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Distribution of gifts from the tree.

Closing choristers, Merry Christmas, and Good Night.

Organ Voluntary

Rev. H. H. Hathaway

Chorus, Christmas Time Has Come

Again

WEST PARIS

Miss Alice Borden is visiting the family of Frank Welcome at Waltham, Mass.

The children of the Universalist Sunday School held a party at Good Will Hall, Wednesday afternoon and the older members enjoyed a social in the evening.

Mrs. L. C. Bates will entertain the W. C. T. U. Thursday afternoon.

The remains of Mrs. Eliza Q. Curtis were brought here from Mechanic Falls

in the Methodist church. Rev. H. H. Hathaway officiated, and the interment was in West Paris cemetery. Mrs. Curtis was the daughter of Solon G. and Vesta (Chandler) Walker, and was born in Paris, March 29, 1840. She married J. Holland Curtis, who died several years ago. Six children were born to them, only three of whom survive, Mrs. Nellie Hall of Mechanic Falls, Guy L. Curtis and Mrs. Elvessa Packard of Norway. The family lived in Woodstock for several years, but except for a short space of time when they lived in Norway, have been residents of West Paris until the ill health of Mrs. Curtis and two daughters, Mrs. Lillian Martin and Vesta Curtis, who have since died, made it necessary that the home be broken up and they all live with relatives. Mrs. Curtis' death resulted from pneumonia. She was survived by her brother, George Walker of Norway, who died on Friday following her death.

The Young People will entertain a whist party Thursday evening in the Hook and Ladder Hall.

Louis Morton and family, who have been living in Joel Morton's house for several weeks, have moved back to their own home.

Dr. Carl Davis of Rumford was in town last week to see Roger Thurston's horse.

There was a concert and Christmas tree in the Congregational church, Wednesday evening.

Elizabeth Bartlett entertained a few young friends at her home, Monday evening.

Long Mountain Grange served a chicken pie dinner to the members and their families Christmas day. A fine program was furnished in the afternoon followed by a Christmas tree.

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Charles Poor was a guest Christmas day of R. L. Melcher and wife at Rumford.

C. A. Andrews and Winthrop Akers attended the hearing on the William Gregg Estate, Monday and Tuesday at Auburn.

John Hewey and William McLaughlin are at work in the spool mill.

Arthur Lang and wife were guests Christmas day in Dixfield.

Annie and Florence Akers, who have been spending their vacation at home, returned to their schools in Rumford, Monday.

Mrs. A. P. Sweat from Rumford spent Christmas with her son, Chester Sweat, and family.

POEMS WORTH READING

NEW YEAR BELLS

Alfred Tennyson
Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light;
The year is dying in the night.
Ring out, wild bells, and let him go!

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow;
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the grief that says the mind
For those that here we see no more;
Ring out the fume of sick and poor;
Ring in redress for all mankind.

Ring out a slowly dying cause,
And ancient forms of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life,
With swifter manners, purer laws.

Ring out the want, the care, the sin,
The faithless coldness of the times;
Ring out, ring out my mournful rhymes,
Ring in the fuller minister in.

Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out old shapes of foal disease,
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold,
Ring in the thousand years of peace,
Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

NEW YEAR

H. F. M. Sears
After all the days of care,
After all the days of song,
Joy and gladness be to thee,
O thou New Year's Day!
Of the joyful children snare,
Of the pinched shaft of wrong,
I must ever guard thee.
So always.

After all the busy days,
Days of toil and suffering,
All of light, and gloom, and prayer,
O thou New Year's Day!
Now I fix my eager gaze
On a bird of eagle wing,
With her carols on the air,
Yea away.

Nearer float, thou bird of song,
On thy white wings, dipping low—
Bathed thy wing in sunlight now—
O thou New Year's Day!
Fill thy measure, full and strong,
We shall reap as we shall sow;
May my bow be Victor's bow,
Glad, I pray.

There are borders of bright joy,
There are days of light and bliss,
There are all of woodland flowers,
O thou New Year's Day!
I shall gather, or destroy,
I shall win, or I shall miss,
Well I love the blossomed bower,
Of glad May!

O thou harbinger of love!
O thou sweet canopy of good!
I am mine to chop from thee,
O thou New Year's Day!
I am blessing from above,
All the joy and gladness
Of thy flavor's love for me,
And obey
Bethneshong Pa

THE GREATEST WHALIE
Albert E. Vassar
It isn't the style or beauty,
It isn't the gold that's won,
That shows the worth
Of folks on earth.

THOUSANDS PROCLAIM
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Read Their Letters

Mrs. Martha C. Uliss, B. P. D. I.,
Canton, Del., writes: "I am entirely cured of chronic catarrh of the stomach and bowel by PE-RU-NA."

Mr. J. Bayar, Glendale, Oregon:
"There is no medicine like PE-RU-NA for catarrhal diseases."

Mrs. Kate Marquis, Middleburg, Ohio: "PE-RU-NA cured me of catarrh of the head and throat."

Mr. J. H. Collins, Weezee, Mississipi: "PE-RU-NA makes me feel vigorous and able to work without that tired, weak feeling I usually have elsewhere."

Mrs. P. Lindgren, Austin, Minn.: "I got rid of my liver trouble and can eat anything since taking PE-RU-NA."

Mrs. L. Hastings, 285 East 10th St., New York City: "For catarrh of the head and stomach, I found PE-RU-NA better than any medicine."

Mr. W. H. Collier, 42 George St., Atlanta, Georgia: "PE-RU-NA cured me after I had suffered fifteen years with rheumatism."

Mrs. L. Lewis, Dept. H, No. 100, Memphis, Tennessee: "PE-RU-NA is a grand medicine for coughs and colds."

For many diseases are the catarrhal and catarrhal remedies, makes PE-RU-NA the best medicine in the world to have on hand for emergencies and general protection. Thousands of doctors are never without a bottle of PE-RU-NA or a box of PE-RU-NA tablets in the medicine cabinet. This is the safe way.

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Woman Suffered in Silence

Health Poor, Beauty Fast Fading Away—
Made Believe She Was Well.

A business woman writes: "There must be lots of women who feel as I did. I suffered in silence many times on account of my pride, but now I know that a good laxative is essential to good health. I neglected my health trying to keep cheery and pretending I was all right when I wasn't. I had terrible pains, was 'grouchy' and my headache almost killed me with pain, and worst of all from my viewpoint I had a sallow, unbecoming complexion which was not helped by face powders. Why didn't I try to cure myself rather than pretend? After taking Dr. True's Elixir, I now know that a laxative was what I needed. Dr. True's Elixir is mild and pleasant to take, and works just right. My complexion cleared up—bright and ruddy—bleeding vanished and every one remarked how much better I looked. —Mrs. E. J. B., Auburn.

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An Outdoor Worker says: "I couldn't puzzle out what made me feel as bad as My good, home-cooked meals didn't

But the kindness they have done.

Not art, nor yet education,
Is foremost in my eyes,
But a life that's spent
In sweet content,
And to sweeten other lives.

A NEW YEAR'S GREETING TO ALL
OUR FRIENDS

If you're superstitious I'll tell you
what we'd do:
We'd start a bunch of lucky charms to
all of yours and you;

A waspkin, a rabbit foot, a four leaf
clover, too.

A lucky stone, a dry wish bone, also
an old horse shoe.

But then you know there is no show
for these old charms of yours,

They've had their day, and passed away
with myths that's gone before:

So we will send to you, dear friend, our
greeting full of cheer,

Our kindest love hovering above you
all throughout the year.

NEW YEAR, GOOD MORNING

New Year, good morning! Come and
bring

U's days that smile and days that sing
Out from the drifts of swirling snow

That through the murky mid night blow

And clutch with frosty hands and cling.

Hark! How the joy bells chime and ring

The birth and new hope set a ring,

With hands outstretched you come, and
so

New Year, good morning!

New courage greets their clamoring

The thought of friends, the thought of
spring,

Of family's care for our war,

Of happiness we so still to know,

We wait your audience, O King!

New Year, good morning!

Alexander MacLean

WEST GREENWOOD

Miss Mary Harrington is home on her

vacation from her school at Lewiston,

also her sister, Miss Nellie, from Middle

Intervale.

Marshall Hastings' teams are hauling
larch and pine from the W. W. Hastings
lot to Bethel from this vicinity.

Mr. Addie Connor spent several days
with her son, George. Christmas day
she went to visit her son, Charlie, of
Albany.

Mrs. Thomas Kennah is at the home
of her daughter, Mrs. Flanders, at the
Steam Mill.

Mrs. Nellie Cross and Mrs. Ethel
Cross were at Bryant's Pond, shopping
recently.

John Kennah called at Calvin Cum-
mings' one day of last week.

Mr. Chaffin hauled hay for E. C. Van-
derkruken last week.

Will Brown's son of Liske's Mills is
visiting the people from Howie Hill to
the Liske's Mill, etc.

John T. and Mr. W. H. Wight were in
town last week.

Misses Isabelle and John Harrington
spent the Christmas holidays at their
respective homes.

Misses Annie and Julian Ross are
home on their vacation from Winsted's
High School.

George and Perle Hulake hauled
hay for Moxie Mill, recently.

Mr. Dowse spent several days with his
son, George, last week.

George Venier is hauling pine for
John Brown from the Bassett lot in
Albion.

Mrs. Bill and Samuel McPherson of
Hancock were entertained at the home
of John Ferguson and family, Winthrop.

There are many diseases that are
caused by the catarrhal condition.

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IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE

SOUTH PARIS

The Red Cross branch has recently
distributed a large amount of presents
of warm clothing to children who were
in need of same, appropriating quite a
sum of money for same.

Mrs. Madeline pride, daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. Walter pride of Norway,
and Mr. Loyd Davis, son of Mr. and
Mrs. T. Morton Davis of South Paris
were united in marriage, Saturday in
Boston, Mass.

Miss Marion Hollis, bookkeeper at
the Norway hand laundry, is enjoying
a two weeks' vacation from her duties
over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Haskell and children
Nelso and Elinor, spent Christmas
with Mr. Haskell's sister, Mrs.
Omar Morrow, at Auburn.

Harold Neal, salesman for the Mason
Mfg. Co., spent Christmas with his
mother at Auburn.

Mrs. Benjamin Fish and son, George
spent Christmas Day for their home
in Santa Barbara, Calif., going first to
South Windham where they will visit
Mrs. Fish's sister, Mrs. Katherine
Soule and family, and then to Boston
for a few days' stop.

A. R. Henderson from Woodstock
was in town, Friday, on business.

Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Anderson of Pine
street have gone to Portland for a
couple of weeks.

Mrs. Emma T. Hubbard, who has
been rooming at Mrs. Kate Stuart's,
went to Hebron Academy, Friday, to
take the position of matron at Sturte-
vant Home.

Albert H. Wheeler is at home from
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy,
Boston, to spend the Christmas season
with his mother, Mrs. Frank S. Dudley.

He was accompanied by Miss Gertrude
McNamee of New York City.

Donald Wight of Bolster's Mills was
a guest at P. E. Barrows', Friday.

Miss Geneva Young, who teaches in
Medford, Mass., is here with her father
for the holidays.

Miss Mabel Hathaway of Rockport,
Mass., is here with her father for the
Christmas recess.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar E. Barrows have
gone to Pellman, N. H., to spend a
couple of weeks with their daughter,
Mrs. M. V. McAllister, and family.

Miss Sue Porter, who teaches in
Portland, is visiting her mother, Mrs.
Ida Porter.

Maurice L. Noyes is completing a new
house on Wheeler street, which will be
sold when it is done.

Carlton Gray spent Christmas week
with his mother, Mrs. Gertrude Gray,
at Freeport.

Mr. and Mrs. Crommett were guests of
Mrs. Ryerson at Archie Cole's over
Christmas.

Mrs. Grace Oliver of Lewiston was a
guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John
P. Murphy, Wednesday and Thursday.

Miss Hazel Heath, stenographer in
Alton C. Wheeler's office, spent the
holidays with her parents in Gorham, N. H.

Miss Carrie Gray was at home from
Worcester, Mass., over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Herrick spent
Thursday at West Paris, guests of
Mr. Herrick's father, E. W. Penney.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Cole and son,
Howard, are here from Canton, Mass.,
spending a vacation with Mrs. Cole's
parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Wherry.

Mrs. S. Louise Rounds, District Super-
intendent of the Children's Home at
Augusta, spent Thursday at her home
here with her mother, Mrs. Lydia
Rounds.

Charles W. Bowker went to Portland
Friday to attend the funeral of Mrs.
Newton Stanley.

Joseph Jones and son, Philip Jones,
traveling salesman, spent the holidays
at their home here.

Miss Marion Gray of Portland spent
Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Will Gray.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stanley went to
Portland Friday to attend the funeral
of Mr. Stanley's sister in law, Mrs.
Newton Stanley.

Burke Bickford of Gorham, N. H., the
14 year old guide on Mount Wash-
ington, arrived Friday morning to pay a
visit to Mr. and Mrs. Irving O. Bar-
rows.

Mrs. Gertrude Thayer and son, Don-
ald, and daughter, Angie, were guests
of the Dolans of Oxford over the
Christmas holidays.

Arthur Stowell of Liske's Mills was
a guest of friends here Friday.

William W. Ripley, who was operated
on at the C. M. G. Hospital, is gaining
and expects to come home soon.

Mrs. Alton Dalton accompanied her
husband to Crystal, N. H., Friday,
where he is working at the Paris

N. E. PEOPLE PLUNGING INTO UNSAFE SECURITIES

Savings Division Warns People Against Selling War Saving Stamps to Dishonest Traffickers of These Securities

The people of New England and the rest of the country are plunging at a dangerous rate into unsafe investments. Dishonest swindlers are working day and night to entice people to invest their hard-earned money in worthless stocks and wildcat schemes.

Reports received at the headquarters of the Savings Division, First Federal Reserve District, show that throughout New England there are at the present time a large number of dishonest persons striving to entice the people to part with their War Savings Stamps, Treasury Savings Certificates and other Government securities.

Mrs. Higginson Warns People.

Mrs. Francis L. Higginson, director of Savings Division, First Federal Reserve District, has sent out a warning to the holders of Thrift Stamps, War Savings Stamps and Treasury Savings Certificates urging the people not to sell these securities to "loan sharks."

Mrs. Higginson brings out the fact that many of these dishonest stamp peddlers are telling a false story to the effect that the Treasury Department has abandoned the Thrift Campaign, and that therefore Thrift Stamps, War Savings Stamps and Treasury Savings Certificates will not be redeemable unless they are cashed in at once.

As a matter of fact these government securities will be sold indefinitely. Again, their face value increases daily and a person who redeems his securities will be able to cash them in for more money than they mature.

Trade Scheme "Catches" Thousands.

Statistics from Washington show that after every war in which the U. S. has participated the people of this country have lined up waiting for an opportunity to plunge into the current of unconsidered speculation.

All that was necessary to "catch" these people was an assurance that "the water's fine." Hundreds of millions of dollars, figures show, have been lost in these unwise ventures in the past and millions are being lost today in the present craze for stock gambling.

Home Town Helps

CLEAN UP THAT BACK YARD

Matter of Importance That Does Not Always Seem to Be Given Consideration.

At various seasons we women faithfully scour our homes from attic to cellar, and then stop at the back door leading to the yard, which, after all, is a kind of outdoor room not always fully appreciated.

Many a woman most fastidious where the house proper is concerned tolerates a surprising degree of untidiness in the back garden. Accumulations of house and garden trash are not only eyesores, but positive menace to health. If you have been lax in the past, get busy with broom and bucket before the rubbish collectors make their next round.

Dig into the corners, particularly the dark, damp angles under porch or shed. Let in the sunlight! Sunlight is the greatest purifier known. Get rid, if possible, of the tall wooden fences which often surround even tiny yards big enough to stretch a sheet across.

Grass and flowers refuse to grow in the rank shade, but suns and sunbeams flourish amazingly. Let in the health-giving sunshine; keep the yard neat and you should worry about the public gaze!

Let the children help in the work. Bid them round up stray clothespins, tin cans, old brooms and milk bottles. Don't make a clothes-prop rack of the lilac bush, nor a dishcloth drier of your shrubs. Dig up plantains and dandelion weeds from the grass while digging is good. It will be doubly hard later in the hot sun when the roots are stronger.

Don't let tradesmen take short cuts across your little grass plot, even if you have to set up wire guards, which are less unsightly than bold patches in the grass. Don't let the withered flower stalks of the iris now blooming hang around all summer. Keep the borders neat by cutting all withered leaves and flowers. Set a trash barrel in an unobtrusive corner. Teach the children to throw into it all refuse not suitable for the garbage pail. Tell the kiddies you take pride in your tidy, pretty garden and they will take pleasure in helping the good work along.—Philadelphia Record.

THRIFT AND W. S. S. POPULAR IN N. E.

Massachusetts led all of the New England states during September in the sale of Thrift Stamps, War Savings Stamps and Treasury Savings Certificates. Figures show that the sales for this month total \$200,819.44. Massachusetts also leads the other New England states in the total sale of these government securities to date. Her total sales aggregate \$2,675,053.88.

Next to Massachusetts in sales for the month of September is Rhode Island with a total of \$75,507.69. Connecticut follows close behind with total sales amounting to \$69,664.36. Maine's total sales amount to \$32,120.80. New Hampshire's total sales amount to \$48,401.73 and Vermont is in the cellar position with \$18,227.08.

NOW GOOD TIME TO BUILD

Many Reasons Why Those Who Are Thinking of Construction Should Get It Started.

Building done these days is quite certain to be good building; better than the average quality in times when real estate improvements are more actively carried on. This is a point worth considering as an offset, in part, to high prices for material and high wages in the building trades.

Contractors are sure to take unusual pains to please those who give them business. They are not "oldized," as they have been, at times, to put up with almost any labor, however incompetent, that can be found, even among tramps and idlers. There have been periods, such as the last year of the war, when the standards were so lowered that almost anyone who could and would work at all was eagerly hired for service which needed painstaking intelligence.

All the way through the various trades that contribute to the building of a dwelling or a business block there is a strong desire to make the work done so satisfactory that it will lead to more employment. All who have anything to do with real estate improvements are anxious to promote a revival of construction on the largest possible scale.

These facts are important. They are worthy of consideration by all who are dealing with building problems: Exchange.

Proper Homes Important.

To provide proper homes for the people is one of the worthiest objects of human endeavor. Proper housing conditions have been regarded as the basis upon which all other reforms and betterments must rest. Without decent home surroundings, light and air, proper sanitation, we do not have good citizens. All of this has been said many times before. The surprising thing is that in this country, at least, there has been comparatively little interest in it among well-to-do who do not aid with their wealth the well-being of their fellow men. Money expended now in building serves a double purpose, meets a coincident need, the need for employment and housing.

City Manager Plan in Kansas.

Kansas is said to have more cities with a commission form of government than any other state and it also has three cities where the city manager plan of government is in successful operation. One of the latter is McCracken, a little city in the western edge of Rush county, with a population of only 371 persons. It adopted the commission-manager form of city government and on May 7 the commissioners took over the city affairs. The first act was to elect Leonard L. Lynn of McCracken as city manager. He will have complete charge of all the business affairs of the city.—Christian Science Monitor.

MORGENTHAU PLEADS FOR HELPING HAND IN THE NEAR EAST

Former Ambassador to Turkey Says America Should Not Let Armenian Allies Starve.

BY HENRY MORGENTHAU,

Former Ambassador to Turkey and Leader in Near East Relief.

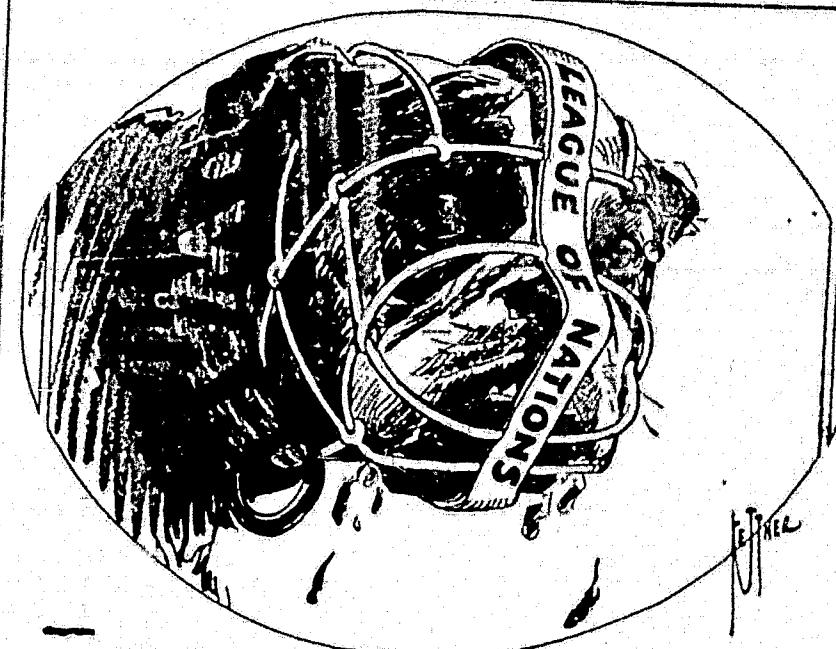
If they were good enough to fight and die for us when we needed their help so sorely, they are good enough now to share some meager little crumbs from our plenty when they have nothing, when hundreds of thousands of them are homeless, unclothed and threatened with extermination by their enemies and our own.

Not far from a million Christians have been murdered by their Turkish oppressors. Hungry, terror-stricken hundreds of thousands of refugees now look to the United States for succor.

Have Trust in America.

We cannot refuse. Next to their faith in God is their trust in the disinterested good will and generosity of

He Has Had His Day



LEAGUE FULFILS AMERICAN IDEAL

Herbert Hoover Says Democracies Replaced Autocracies at Our Bidding.



FOOD ADMINISTRATION CHIEF.

Urge Ratification on Ground That Peace Treaty Will Collapse Without League of Nations.

Herbert Hoover is so deeply concerned over the opposition to the League of Nations in the United States that he has let himself be interviewed at length on the League situation. In a talk with the New York Times correspondent in Paris, the Food Administration Chief asserts that having caused the League idea to prevail America cannot abandon it. We cannot withdraw, he says, and leave Europe to chaos. "To abandon the League Covenant now means that the treaty itself will collapse."

Mr. Hoover's wide acquaintance with conditions both here and abroad, his reputation as an administrator, a man of great affairs who deals with facts, not theories, make his statement one of the most important contributions to the recent League discussions.

"There are one or two points in connection with the present treaty," said Mr. Hoover, "that need careful consideration by the American public. We need to digest the fact that we have for a century and a half been advocating democracy, not only as a remedy for the internal ills of our society, but also as the only real safeguard against war. We have believed and proclaimed, in season and out, that a world in which there was free expression and enforcement of the will of the majority was the real basis of government, was essential for the advancement of civilization, and who have not first hand impression of the savagery of the Mussulman.

Extract From Home.

Since the beginning of the war the Turkish Armenians have been largely refugees from their homes. A simple agricultural people, they have been exiled from their farms, deprived of all opportunity to support themselves. Year by year their suffering has increased. Now, a year after fighting has ceased, they are still living the life of nomads, able to continue to keep alive only by virtue of American philanthropy.

These homeless people—"fifth infidels" to the Turks—were good enough to exert their poor might to our behalf while the war was still in the balance. Massacres of a half century had not so broken their spirit that they dared not fight for right and for democracy when justice was the issue. We accepted their aid then, surely we shall not pass them by without compassion now.

The day has passed when any self-respecting man dares permit absorption in his own personal affairs to exclude consideration of his neighbor's well-being. No honorable man can knowingly allow his neighbor to hunger or to go unclothed. The Christian peoples of the Near East are our neighbors. The money needed to relieve them can be spared without causing any man, woman or child in the United States to suffer.

Must Not Rest on Past.

In other years of our own free will we sent missionaries to Turkey. Our schools and colleges and hospitals have played a wonderful role in humanizing that dark spot in the world. Our ideas, our educational resources, our material equipment, have been given to the Near East. Because we have done well in these past we have this great opportunity for the present.

The Armenians have been treated as

perhaphs no people in history have been treated because they are the spiritual brothers of western races.

Will America help them? There

can be but one answer. Their necessity is dire but our power is great.

We are wealthy. We are members of the family of nations. Our brothers call us. Food, clothes, money, are immediately wanted. If ever unmerited suffering called for succor the plight of the Armenians should be heeded now. A few months more and it may be relief will be too late for those myriad whom only we can save. We shall not fail them.

Governments Lack Experience.

"We in America should realize that

democracy, as a stable form of government as we know it, is possible only with highly educated populations and a large force of men who are capable of government. Few of the men who compose these governments have had any actual experience at governing and their populations are woefully illiterate.

"They will require a generation of actual national life in peace to develop free education and skill in government.

"Unless these countries have a guiding hand and referee in their quarrels, a court of appeals for their wrongs, this Europe will go back to chaos. If there is such an institution, representing the public opinion of the world, and able to exert its authority, they will grow into stability. We cannot turn back now.

"There is another point which also needs emphasis. World treaties hitherto have always been based on the theory of a balance of power. Stronger races have been set up to dominate the weaker, partly with a view to maintaining stability and to a greater degree with a view to maintaining occupations and positions for the reactionaries of the world.

"The balance of power is born of armies and navies, aristocracies, autocrats, and reactionaries generally, who can find employment and domination in these institutions, and treaties founded on this basis have established stability after each great war for a shorter or longer time, but never more than a generation.

"America came forward with a new idea, and we insisted upon its injection into the peace conference. We claimed that it was possible to set up such a piece of machinery with such authority that the balance of power could be abandoned as a relic of the middle ages. We compelled an entire construction of this treaty and every word and line in it had to bend to this idea.

"Outside of the League of Nations the treaty itself has many deficiencies. It represents a compromise between many men and between many selfish interests, and these very compromises and deficiencies are multiplied by the many new nations that have entered upon its signature, and the very safety of the treaty itself lies in a court of appeal for the remedy of wrongs in the treaty.

Benefits of the League.

"One thing is certain. There is no body of human beings so wise that a treaty could be made that would not develop injustice and prove to have been wrong in some particulars. As the covenant stands today there is a place at which redress can be found and through which the good-will of the world can be enforced. The very machinery by which the treaty is to be executed and scores of points yet to be solved, which have been referred to the League of Nations as a method of securing more mature judgment in a less heated atmosphere, justify the creation of the League.

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"We have succeeded in a most extraordinary degree in imposing upon Europe the complete conviction that we are absolutely disinterested. The consequence is that there is scarcely a man, woman or child who can read in Europe that does not look to the United States as the ultimate source from which they must receive assurances and guardianship in the liberties which they have now secured after so many generations of struggle.

"This is not a problem of protecting the big nations, for the few that remain can well look after themselves.

"What we have done is to set up a score of little democracies, and if the American people could visualize their handbook they would insist with the same determination that they did in 1917 that our government proceed."

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MANY SCHOOLS CLOSED BECAUSE OF LOW WAGES PAID TEACHERS

State Superintendent, Dr. Thomas, Predicts That Several More Maine Schools Will Be Without Instructors Soon Unless Salaries Are Greatly Increased

Dr. Augustus O. Thomas, the state superintendent of public schools, in a statement made recently advocating an increase in the wages of teachers, declared that 80 schools are closed in Maine to-day because of teacher shortage and the number will be greatly augmented after Christmas.

"If present emergencies are not met at the coming town meetings there will be 500 schools closed next autumn at the least, calculation, and many other schools will be opened by girls of no training and less than 20 years of age, workmen who must toil at their tools," said Dr. Thomas.

"I do not believe our educational system will break down under the present strain. First, the greater percentage of our teachers are actuated by the highest motives of service and patriotism, and, second, the present generation will not let it be laid at its door, famine and war stalk over the by the oncoming 21,000,000 of young sunnits of civilization. It seems necessary to Americans that they were not given a say, therefore, to have preparedness in square deal by their elders. The teachers must stand by the wheel while Mr. Public Citizen takes another hitch in his belt and does for his schools just as he is doing for his business, for automobiles, for travel and for his own breakfast. The present situation is serious enough and heroic measures are needed. A 49 cent dollar and an old-fashioned wage do not go well together.

"Many teachers are not only supporting themselves but have dependents. Mrs. Patten of Harmony recently attended the closing exercises in one of her schools. The teacher had been expected to continue the school after coming generation will call us to rock-Christmas and Mr. Patten asked her the reason for not staying and was told that she found it impossible on \$15 per week to provide for herself and those dependent upon her. Thereupon she was offered \$17 per week, with a possibility of \$18 per week, but it was no incitement. "How much will it require?" asked the superintendent. "At least, \$25 per week," was the reply. The town could not meet it and the teacher is now engaged in a mill in a nearby village. This shows the difference between the school and business.

"When business needs workers it goes into the market and pays the price in order to keep the mill producing, but the school closes its doors until it can find some one at its own figure and the school mill ceases to turn out its product of good young American citizens.

"Out of 650,000 teachers in the United States 113,000 left the profession last year. In four years the graduates of normal schools in the United States decreased 23 per cent. One hundred thousand positions are without teachers filled with teachers below the standard, and yet we never have, in the history of America, realized as we do now the relation of education to free government. Nor have we realized before as now what our schools mean to our country.

"We claim that 2,000,000 literates. This is based on ability to write one's name and read it. To be able to write one's name under great stress does not make a very great scholar. In certain tests made in 14 army posts during the war 1,100,000 young men between the ages of 21 and 31 years were tested on their ability to write a letter and to read a newspaper and 210 per cent failed carrying this percentage to our whole population we have at least 20,000,000 who would be classed as illiterates. The school still has something to do. Only 40 per cent of the children who enter the elementary school ever complete it; only 40 per cent of those who complete the elementary school ever high school and only five per cent complete the course. We are not getting a sufficient quantity through the schools and desirability may startle while we are grinding the grain.

"Americanization is another big task and the burden must fall largely on the teacher. We have in round numbers 18,000,000 of foreign born and 20,000,000 of foreign parentage in this country. Many of these have come at great cost, with almost intentions, and are good material for citizenship, but it is a great task for citizenship and the fundamental of our government. The complaint against underpayment of teachers is an old one. It is dwelt upon by Roger Ascham, who wrote his "Schoolmaster" in the reign of Henry VIII. But we have rid ourselves of many old abuses within the past few years, and this is another antiquated evil which must go. But while the evil remains, it is an index to us that the community has not yet reached a modicum of social justice. And so long as that evil remains, as long as we urge railroads to pay more, and miners to pay more, and master barbers to pay more, while we as a community continue to pay no more, we are showing that as a community we are unworthy of the generous spirit of the age. —Deborah Independent.

WEST PERU AND DICKVALE
School opened again Monday morning and it is expected there will be an enrollment the first week of school.

Horace Washburn's baby has been very sick with chills and fevers and has been treated with plasters and in several ways. But with plasters and in several ways we permit of the practice of the doctor. But our schools are at break without the assistance of 15-20 children using porpoise who

have much enthusiasm as youth affords but no technical skill.

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"I believe in preparedness. I do not deceive myself in a belief that so matter how we abhor war that war is at an end. So long as there is no war, so long will nations embody the same traits of character and just as long as men and nations are unwilling to abide by the golden rule so long must pestilence and disease be laid at the door of young men and war stalk over the land.

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exhaustion. The Government preaches a good deal about the condition, and pretty articles are written for print about reforestation and saving the forests—and that all is there is to be done.

COMPROMISING A WRONG

No one denies the wisdom of having a commission make a complete survey of the coal mining industry. And if the commission finds out everything that is to be learned, the falls ought to be pretty well filled. But there is grave criticism of the Government's policy in compromising with the striking miners, after that strike ceased to be an issue between the operators and miners, and when its whole force and effect was directed against the public and the Government itself.

LEATHER AND HORSES

There were 945,000 saddles in the war and 104,000 cavalry horses; 146,000 artillery horses; 123,000 draft mules and 18,000 pack mules. In addition there were 1,000,000 sets of harness for horses. Seventy-five per cent of all the horses in the country were contracted for use in the army.

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MIDDLE INTERVALE ROAD

C. A. Capen, wife and daughter, spent Christmas afternoon and evening at A. M. Carter's.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Coolidge were Christmas guests at Wilbert Baker's at Bethel.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Coolidge and little daughter, Max, from Kimball Hill visited at J. P. Coolidge's, Sunday.

Mrs. Walter Valentino's mother from North Paris visited her recently.

A Christmas tree was enjoyed by the nearby relatives and friends at A. M. Carter's, beautifully laden and beautifully decorated.

Mrs. O. R. Stanley, who has spent a few weeks in Portland with her daughter, returned home Saturday.

C. A. Capen lost quite a valuable pig last week.

The Misses Edith and Bessie Trask have returned to the Academy and will board at the Dormitory.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Valentino and little son, Lester, spent Christmas at their mother's at North Paris.

WHAT WASHES OUT OF SOIL?

When water percolates through the earth, what does it carry out of the earth with it? That question, no doubt, was asked many thousands of years ago and has been repeated from time to time ever since, but it has never been completely answered. The answer, however, is being written bit by bit. The chemical and mineralogical nature of the materials extracted from soils by treatment with water has been under investigation by the Bureau of Soils, U. S. Department of Agriculture, for some time past. A number of minerals have been identified in these products and it has been shown that the evaporated water extract of soils leaves a residue showing considerable resemblance to the Baffin and other natural saline deposits. A material, provisionally called ultra clay, which consists of particles so fine they remain in practically permanent suspension, has also been obtained by three extractions and its properties are now under investigation.

This ultra clay contains a much larger proportion of soluble salts than the soil from which it has been separated. A very significant attribute of ultra clay is its high absorptive power for potassium.

Soil containing a large proportion of ultra clay erodes easily.

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